Ministry had been sent to these Islands for investigation purposes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) Following certain newspaper reports in August, 1989 relating to the alleged opening and maintenance of a numbered bank account in St. Kitts by Shri Ajeya Singh, Directorate of Enforcement issued a directive under Section33(2) of FERA, 1973, to him on 13th September 1989. Shri Ajeya Singh gave his reply on 18th September 1989 and a further reply on 9th October 1989. In connection with investigation of this case, an officer of the Enforcement Directorate visited USA and St. Kitts.

Irregularities in Skipper Travel International (Pvt.) Ltd., New Delhi

317. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain irrgularities were detected by the Directorate of Enforcement in the raid conducted at the New Delhi office of the Skipper Travel International (Pvt.) Ltd. recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any criminal case has been filed on the basis of false vouchers worth about Rs. 7 lakhs found during the raid?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) The premises of M|s. Skipper Travel International (Pvt.) Ltd., New Delhi were searched under the provisions of FERA, 73 on 8-8-1989 resulting in the seizure of certain documents. The investigations made so far revealed that the travel agency had been issuing air tickets, etc., on a large scale to foreign nationals and non-resident Indian by accepting Indian currency against fictitious encashment certificate purported to have been issued by authorised dealer in foreign exchange. Further investigations in the matter are being pursued inaccordance with the law.

National Formula for Grant of DA

318. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a national formula for granting Dearness Allowance to all categories of employees; and

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposals of FICCI and CIFTI regarding Agro-food industry

319. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Confederation of Indian Food Trade and Industry (CIFTI) have submitted to the Central Government a comprehensive policy package for development of agro-food industry recently;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have studied the same and if so, what steps are being taken to implement the suggestions of the two organisations?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The Confederation of Indian Food Trade and Industry has recently sent a paper suggesting some policies required